

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A printed circuit card connector comprising a housing ~~(2)~~ having a first bearing portion ~~(8)~~ integral with the housing and rigidly connected to the housing so as to bear against a first face of the card, the connector including a second bearing portion ~~(13)~~ integral with the housing for bearing against a second face of the card, the second bearing portion being resiliently connected to the housing in such a manner as to enable the bearing portions to move relative to each other in a bearing direction, the bearing portions ~~(8)~~ being spaced apart at rest by a distance ~~(d)~~ that is less than the theoretical minimum thickness of the card, the first bearing portion comprising at least one bearing member ~~(8)~~ defining a bearing plane of the connector and carried by a rigid partition ~~(7)~~ projecting from the housing ~~(2)~~ and extending perpendicularly to the bearing plane of the connector against the card, while the second bearing portion comprises at least one bearing member ~~(13A)~~ carried at the end of an arm ~~(12)~~ which is secured to a flexible blade ~~(10)~~ projecting from the housing ~~(2)~~ in such a manner that when the connector is mounted on the card, the flexible blade ~~(10)~~ extends beside the first face of the card and the arm ~~(12)~~ passes through the card, wherein the flexible blade ~~(10)~~ extends close to the rigid partition ~~(7)~~, the arm ~~(12)~~ being connected to the flexible blade ~~(10)~~ in a central zone thereof, the flexible blade having an end portion ~~(11)~~ which is connected to the adjacent rigid partition ~~(7)~~.

2. (Currently Amended) A connector according to claim 1, wherein the rigid partition ~~(7)~~ carries a positioning peg separate from said bearing portions ~~(9)~~ for positioning the connector on the card.

3. (Currently Amended) A connector according to claim 1, wherein the connector has two retention assemblies ~~(5)~~ each comprising a rigid partition ~~(7)~~ and a flexible blade ~~(10)~~ connected to the rigid partition ~~(7)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) A connector according to claim 3, wherein the retention assemblies ~~(5)~~ extend symmetrically relative to each other.

5. (New) The connector according to claim 1, wherein the rigid partition is planar and perpendicular to said card circuit board.

6. (New) The connector according to claim 1, wherein said arms are resilient in a direction parallel to the front face of said housing.

7. (New) The connector according to claim 1, wherein the flexible blade flexes in a direction toward and away from said card.

8. (New) The connector according to claim 1, wherein said arms are at a similar distance from said housing.